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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/002123, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on September 6, 2005. The Examiner is requested to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited

therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-134518, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-297538, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited in page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-351781, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/017848;

“Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP) (RFC 2326), “ retrieved from <URL: <http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2326.html> >. Applicants note that this document is cited in page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

“SDP: Session Description Protocol (RFC 2327), “ retrieved from <URL:<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/rfc2327.html> >. Applicants note that this document is cited in page 11 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

“Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language (SMIL 2.0) W3C Recommendation,” retrieved from <URL: <http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/REC-smil20-20010807/> >. Applicants note that this document is cited in page 11 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/523,724 to SATO et al., which was filed on February 7, 2005; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/525,826 to TANIGUCHI et al., which was filed on February 25, 2005;

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

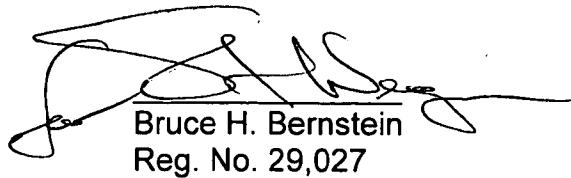
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent applications were filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the above-captioned application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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